GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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CROP PRICE POLICY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to restructure the crop price policy to avoid perpetual scarcity of certain crops and excess production of certain other crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)to(c): The Governemnt have already undertaken certain steps in this regard and accorded a relatively higher increase to the Minimum Support Prices of Coarse Cereals,Pulses & Oilseeds than to Paddy & Wheat.The details can be seen from the statement at Annexure-I.

ANNEXURE-I

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES (According to Crop Year)

(Rs. per quintal)

S.No.	Comodity	Variety	2000-01	2001-02	(#) increase in 2001-02 over 2000-01
1.	Paddy	Common	510	530	20(3.9)
		Grade `A`	540	560	20(3.7)
2.	Coarse Cereals				
	(Jowar, Bajra, Ragi & Maize)		445	485	40(9.0)
3.	Wheat		610	620	10(1.6)
4.	Barley		500	500	-
5.	Gram		1100	1200	100(9.1)
6.	Arhar		1200	1320	120(10.0)
7	Moong		1200	1320	120(10.0)
8.	Urad		1200	1320	120(10.0)
9.	Masur(lentil)		1200	1300	100(8.3)

10. Sugarcane@ 59.50 62.05 2.55(4.3)
11. Cotton F-414/H-777/J34 1625 1675 50(3.1)
H-4 1825 1875 50(2.7)
12. Groundnut-in-shell 1220 1340 120(9.8)
13. Jute 785 810 25(3.2)
14. Rapeseed/Mustard 1200 1300 100(8.3)
15. Sunflower Seed 1170 1185 15(1.3)
16. Soybean Black 775 795 20(2.6)
Yellow 865 885 20(2.3)
17. Safflower 1200 1300 100(8.3)
18. Tobacco(VFC)
(Rs. per kg.)
Black Soil (F2 Gr) 26.00 27.00 1(3.8)
Light Soil (L2 Gr) 28.00 29.00 1(3.6)

19. Copra (Calender Year)
Milling 3250 3300 50(1.5)
Ball 3500 3550 50(1.4)
20. Sesamum 1300 1400 100(7.7)
21. Nigerseed 1025 1100 75(7.3)

@ Statutory Minimum Price linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent with proportionate premium for every 0.1 per cent increase in recovery above that level.

Figures in brackets indicate percentage increase.